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SUBJ: MEETING ON PUERTO RICO/SLATED IN HAVANA

1. MEXICO CITY DAILY EL NACIONAL (GOM'S PRESS ORGAN) AUGUST 1 CARRIES A REPORT OF AN INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE PELLET AND PEDRO BAIGES, WHO STATED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN HAVANA SEPTEMBER 5 TO 9, IN ORDER TO CONDEMN US "COLONIALIST CONTROL" OF THE ISLAND.

2. PELLET ASSERTED THAT THE CONTROL THE US EXERCISES OVER PUERTO RICO "IS ABSOLUTE AND CONSTITUTES A DISGRACE FOR THE ENTIRE CONTINENT." HE WENT ON TO CHARGE THE US WITH NUMEROUS ABUSES IN PUERTO RICO (E.G., "13 PERCENT OF THE CULTIVABLE LAND IS OCCUPIED BY MILITARY BASES" AND "35 PERCENT OF THE WOMEN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE IN THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT OF AN INHUMAN STERILIZATION CAMPAIGN.").

3. BAIGES CLAIMED THAT THE US MONOPOLIES OBTAINED A PROFIT OF ABOUT \$432 MILLION IN PUERTO RICO LAST YEAR ALONE AND THAT A CONFIDENTIAL USG STUDY INDICATES THERE UNCLASSIFIED

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IS A 90 PERCENT PROBABILITY THE ISLAND HAS LARGE DEPOSITS OF GAS

AND OIL.

4. PELLET AND BAIGES ALSO DEMANDED THAT DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES FREE 3 PUERTO RICANS, RAUL GARCIA, ANGEL GANDIA, AND JOHN SAMPSON, WHO THEY ASSERTED HAVE BEEN "TORTURED" AND WERE BEING "UNJUSTLY" DETAINED AS A RESULT OF THE "INTERVENTION OF AGENTS OF THE CIA AND FBI."

5. THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS IDENTIFIES PELLET AS A MEMBER OF THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF FRANCE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE, AND BAIGES AS A MEMBER OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEACE MOVEMENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY.

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